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## Mills' Mission



**We welcome Luton Town to the International Stadium this afternoon for what is the biggest game in the Skrill Premier this weekend.**

We are the top two in the form guide, Gateshead first with 15 points from the last 18 while the Hatters are second one point behind and unbeaten in their last nine games.

We, of course, have won our last five and it goes without saying that I am delighted with the performances and results over the past few weeks.

Luton are the biggest club in the division by some distance with an impressive history so we have the chance to put down a marker this afternoon.

We cannot become complacent about winning and have to continue to work hard. The challenge is to show that our excellent results are not a flash in the pan.

It should be a cracking game between two good sides and we will move within two points of Luton if we manage to stretch our winning run to six games.

I was delighted to make progress in the FA Cup last week with a hard fought 1-0 win at Chester. We were excellent, defended well when we had to and came up with a superb winner.

James Curtis may never score a better goal and it was just reward for another good display. We have now been drawn away to Oxford United in the 1st round next weekend.

Obviously we would have preferred to be at home but going to the Kassam holds no fear for us and I am confident we can come away with a positive result.

I want to take Gateshead into the 3rd round of the FA Cup, which I understand hasn't been achieved for over half a century, and draw a big club.

That would help the chairman out no end as there is a lot of money to be made by a good cup run and I also want to bring some glory to the club.

My aims this season are to get into the top five, the 3rd round of the FA Cup and win the FA Trophy at Wembley and we will do everything we can to make that become reality.

There has been a lot of activity behind the scenes this week which I am sure you will all be aware of.

Forest Green Rovers approached the club to see if they could speak to me about the vacant managers post at The New Lawn.

I was pleased that the chairman turned the request down as I am very happy at Gateshead and want to continue the good work put in over the last couple of months.

It is flattering when another club comes in for you but the chairman brought me to Gateshead to do a job and that's what I intend to do.

I love it here. Tyneside is a great place to live and work and the Geordies have been very welcoming, not least the Heed Army who have given me great backing and encouragement.

Their support to both myself and the team has been brilliant and I want to reward the fans by bringing success to the club.

Everything is in place to achieve the goals set by myself and the chairman and I will do everything in my power to make that happen.

**Today is another big day.  
Thanks for your support  
and get behind the lads  
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**Gary Mills**

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**The Scribe**



**They say a week is a long time in politics but it can also be applied to football and it has certainly been an eventful build up to today's big game against Luton.**

Eight wins out of 11 has been a fantastic return. The players have been galvanised and there is a real buzz about the place with fans hoping, and confident, of a memorable campaign.

News broke in the national media on Sunday that manager Gary Mills was Forest Green Rovers preferred choice to take over the vacant New Lawn hot seat.

I have worked with 16 managers during my time covering Gateshead and few, if any, have come across as enthusiastic, dedicated and professional as Mills.

Not only that but the west country big spenders had tabled a request to talk to Mills which, not surprisingly, was turned down by Gateshead chairman Graham Wood.

Only a few of those could match his pedigree as a player in the professional game, Irishmen Tommy Cassidy and Jim Platt spring to mind, and their impact at Gateshead was limited.

A hastily arranged Press Conference at the stadium at 4pm on Monday involving Mills and Wood then announced that 51-year-old former York City boss Mills would be staying on Tyneside.

Of course had Mills jumped ship so early in his tenure at the International Stadium it would not have looked good and it would have left the Heed with three different managers before Christmas.

Cue a mass sigh of relief from the Heed Army and all concerned with Gateshead Football Club.

There is no doubt Mills, who is on a one-year-rolling contract at Gateshead, would have benefitted financially, and significantly, from heading south.

The former Nottingham Forest and Leicester City midfielder has made a big impact in his short time on Tyneside and fought off a list of high calibre applicants keen to land the Gateshead job when Anth Smith departed.



Wood & Mills

But he is also a man of honour and integrity. He has only been in the Gateshead job a couple of months but the transformation has been remarkable.

With Ecotricity entrepreneur Dale Vince bank-rolling Forest Green the Gloucestershire club are not short of money to attract top players and a quality manager.

So far, however, the investment has not brought the dividend Vince was looking for and Forest Green under achieved last season when finishing a modest 10th.

Despite bringing in more high profile players over the summer Rovers are 16th in the table, nine points adrift of the play-offs and were knocked out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle.



Dale Vince

They have lost eight of their last nine games, their only success ironically a 1-0 win over Gary Mills' Gateshead at the end of September.

Wood is both relieved and delighted that Mills has pledged his future to Gateshead and believes there is more potential at Gateshead than at Forest Green.

While the Heed supremo will doubtless cast envious eyes at Rovers' relatively new stadium he is aware that the west country club's catchment area is small and the potential for bigger crowds is limited.

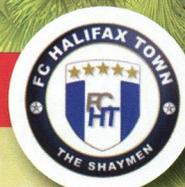
Gateshead, of course, still harbour hopes of moving to a purpose built stadium in a town with a large population that, theoretically, could support a Football League club.

**That has still to be demonstrated but with Mills staying at the club the feel-good factor will remain along with the drive to get Gateshead back into the Football League.**

**Jeff Bowron**



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# On Tyneside Today

## Luton Town Review

### The Town

Luton is a large town in Bedfordshire, 30 miles north of London with a large population.

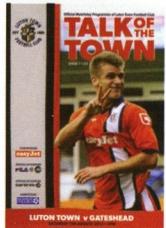
Luton Airport, opened in 1938, is one of England's major airports and during the Second World War it doubled up as an RAF base.

The University of Bedfordshire is also based in the town which, for many years, was famous for hat-making and as the home of a large Vauxhall Motors factory; the head office still situated in Luton.

Luton is located in a break in the Eastern part of the Chiltern Hills and has a diverse population.

### The Football Club

Luton Town, nicknamed the Hatters, are a club that has played in five different professional divisions, including the 1st division, now the Premier League.



The Town were in the top flight of the English game between 1982-1992 and famously beat Arsenal in the 1988 League Cup Final.

They have also appeared at Wembley in an FA Cup Final and beat Scunthorpe United in the Football League Trophy during their last season in the Football League in 2008/9.

The Hatters, the best supported club in non-league football with average crowds of 6,500, are now in their 5th season in the Conference and have played at Kenilworth Road for over 100 years.

### High Points

Luton's high of 2012-13 was their stunning FA Cup run, making it to the 5th round proper.

The Hatters were the last Conference team remaining by that stage, and pulled off stunning wins to achieve it.

A home win over Championship side Wolves with a Player of the Round award for Alex Lawless showed their talent, and it was compounded in their shock 1-0 defeat of Premier League side Norwich City at Carrow Road.



### Low Points

The low point from the 2012/13 campaign was their failure to make the Conference Premier play-offs for the first time.

The Hatters finished 7th in the table and some 13 points from a play-off spot, a problem no doubt worsened by the managerial changes that occurred earlier in the season.

This was a continuation of a downward trend for the Town, since arriving in the Conference they've finished progressively lower down the table with each year.

To top things off, last season brought Luton's worst defeat in their Conference history, a 5-1 routing at the hands of Gateshead at Carlisle.

While the dream ended at the hands of Millwall in the next round it drilled home Luton's ambition to return to where they once were.

### Last Time Out

Saturday 26th October 2013  
FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round  
**WOKING 0  
LUTON TOWN 1**

Attendance: 1,452

Luton (4-4-2)



Subs: Gray (72), Parry (77), Tyler (gk), Taiwo, Viana, Wall, Stevenson.

Mark Cullen's first-half header was enough to see Luton scrape past Woking to book a trip to Welling United in the first round of the FA Cup.

Debutant goalkeeper Elliot Justham, in for Mark Tyler, was the hero as Town clung on, manager John Still tinkering with his starting eleven from the side that won 4-3 at Tamworth.

Shaun Whalley's pleas for a penalty may have fallen on deaf ears, but from the resulting corner Town grabbed the luck they deserved.

Dave Martin, a late addition to the starting eleven in place of Scott Griffiths, sent over a left-foot cross for Cullen to glance home from close range, third headed goal for the former Hull City striker against Woking this campaign after bagging a brace in the 4-0 win.

A Parkinson back-pass could have added gloss to a scruffy Hatters win but his effort went agonisingly wide, Town hanging on to stretch their unbeaten run to nine games.



Mark Cullen

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### Last Time v The Heed

Saturday 6th April 2013  
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**GATESHEAD 5  
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Attendance: 382

It was the lowest crowd to watch a Luton Town game and the Hatters' record Conference defeat, but the only stats which mattered to Gateshead were three precious points.

A magnificent five-goal demolition of the former First Division club and 1988 League Cup winners in Cumbria improved the Tynesiders' standings near the bottom by just one point.

Carlisle's expansive Brunton Park pitch was to Gateshead's liking as they tore Luton apart and recorded 19 efforts on goal in a one-sided game.

The Tynesiders were first to virtually every ball, exploited the open spaces with great football and produced a string of quality finishes.

Talented young duo Ryan Donaldson and Josh Gillies proved too hot to handle and fittingly claimed two goals apiece.

Bustling striker Liam Hatch, who had a heavyweight clash with Hatters centre-back Steve McNulty all afternoon, added the coup de grace with a brilliant fifth in stoppage time.

The result was one of the finest in Gateshead's history, Dan Walker's 35th minute goal no more than a consolation for a totally outplayed Luton outfit.

### The Line-Ups

**Gateshead:** Bartlett, Bore, Boyle, Cummins, Curtis, Magnay, Gillies (Fowler 89), Turnbull, Hatch, Brown (Marwood 71), Donaldson (Everson 86).

**Subs (not used):** Nixon (gk), Galpin.

**Goals:** Donaldson (13, 66), Gillies (15, 45-pen), Hatch (90+3).

**Luton Town:** Brill, Rowe-Turner, McNulty, Ainge, Goodman, Martin, Smith, Taiwo (Robinson 46), Wall (Rendell 86), Gray, Walker.

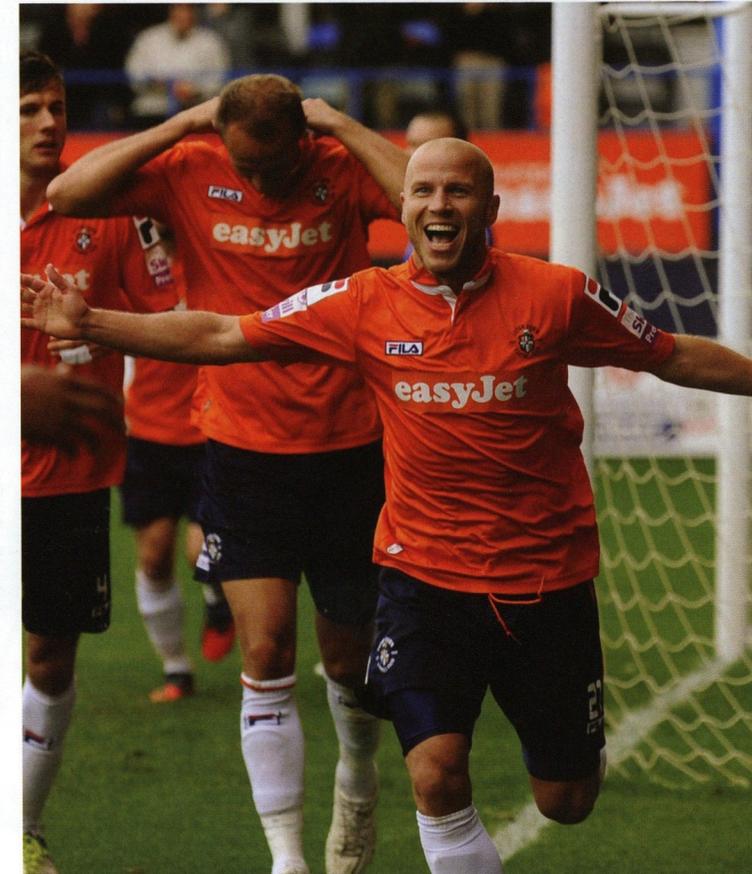
**Subs (not used):** McFarlane, Griffiths, Shaw.

**Goal:** Walker (35).

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Luke Guttridge celebrates scoring earlier this season.



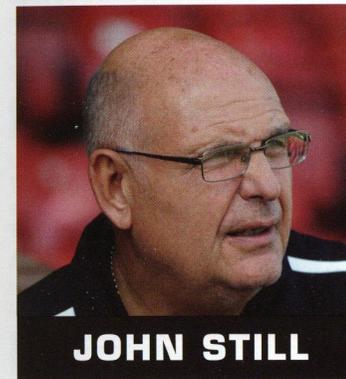
## In The Hot Seat

### MANAGEMENT MATTERS

**Luton Town manager John Still has warned his players to guard against complacency as they look to continue their good form this afternoon.**

The Hatters arrive on Tyneside hoping to climb above Kidderminster Harriers into second-place and close the gap on league leaders Cambridge United.

Still's men have lost just two of their opening 16 fixtures but have two points less than they had at the same stage last season.



**JOHN STILL**

With Gateshead the in-form side in the division and Luton the second, Still has reminded his men to remain focused.

"It doesn't take a lot to lose form if I'm being honest," said Still "As easy as it is to be in good form, you can lose form."

"I think you can have three or four good performances, get beat by the odd goal in two, draw the other two and all of a sudden you've dropped ten points."

Former Dagenham & Redbridge boss Still, meanwhile, is refusing to get carried away with his side's good run.

"All I'm concentrating on is one thing - Luton Town turning up and winning, that's all I want to do."

"When we get to Christmas we'll decide who's in the shake up and who's around it,"

The visitors will again be without former Gateshead striker Jon Shaw with the centre-forward still returning to full-fitness following a hernia operation.

"He's back training without training full out. When you've had an operation and you come back, you tend to have some niggles."

"Fortunately we are in a position where we don't have to rush, rush, rush. The people that are rushing are the players themselves."

"We are trying to keep the reins on them a little bit, but players want to get back playing and maybe they've just got to take their foot off the pedal a little bit."

The Hatters, meanwhile, embarked on a famous FA Cup journey last season, which included victory over Premier League side Norwich City, and Still believes the competition is important again this year.

"How important is it to get promotion? How important is it to go as far as we can in the FA Cup? How important, and how far in the FA Trophy?"

"If you asked people, a lot would probably say the league, some would go with the league and the FA Cup, and some would say it would be good to get to Wembley in the FA Trophy."

"We've worked hard to beat Woking, and I changed it around a little bit to give people some time, but sometimes when you change it you lose a little bit of cohesion so I didn't think we had as much cohesion as we normally have."

**"But we've gone back to conceding no goals, which is good."**

**Paul Reece**

### HATTERS FORUM

Hatters supporters are in a confident mood ahead of today's game. The Bedfordshire side arrive on Tyneside with seven wins and two draws from their last nine games with the Heed also in great form.

'alhattar' is in a confident mood, however, and posted: *"They've not beaten anyone of note and certainly not current top 6."*

'Fuctivano' was more complimentary towards the Heed though and wrote: *"They're in great form, we've just been lucky and are due a poor run."* While 'wigmoresteve' added: *"Their 4-1 win at Nuneaton has to be seen as a good result, and Mills has a bit of an Indian sign over us. I'd be happy with a draw."*

'Balamory' is expecting a tough test today and wrote: *"Before the season started I thought Gateshead had a good squad, now I think they have a good manager as well,"*

*"On paper, considering their form and the distance, this is our hardest game of the season so far. I think it's important not to lose."*

Like Gateshead, Luton are into the next round of the FA Cup after overcoming Woking 1-0 last weekend but not all fans were up for the Cup.

'Tommy Tank' took to Twitter to say: *"Am I the only one who don't want a cup run and Luton to lose today? Priority is to get out of this Mickey mouse league #COYH #LutonTown."*

'Mutleylftc' disagreed, however, and wrote: *"Go for it, I'd say. Remind the world we still exist and are proud of it!"*

*"We've had most of our best moments in the last 8-9 years in the cups...Liverpool (3 times), Scunny at Wembley, Wolves, Charlton and Norwich...brilliant!"*

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## In The Frame

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To Watch

### Luke Guttridge



**Influential and experienced central midfielder Luke Guttridge has over 400 senior appearances to his name with eight clubs.**

He has twice won promotion whilst with Southend United, and also helped Northampton Town reach the League Two play-off final last season.

The 31-year-old spent five years in the Football League with Cambridge United making over 150 appearances, and had brief spells at Leyton Orient and Colchester.

**Guttridge has also played for Aldershot Town and had two spells at Northampton before he signed for Luton in August on a two-year contract.**

### Goalkeepers

#### 1 MARK TYLER



Hugely experienced goalkeeper on the verge of 700 senior appearances.

The 36-year-old was one of the Hatters' first signings in their first season in the Conference in 2009, and the stopper has since gone on to make 184 appearances between the sticks, keeping 72 clean sheets. Played over 400 games during 15 years at Peterborough United.

#### 16 ELLIOT JUSTHAM

Promising young goalkeeper signed from East Thurrock on a two-year deal in May.

The commanding 6ft 3in stopper kept 14 clean sheets in 31 matches for the Rocks last season, and the 22-year-old, who started at Brentwood, has previously enjoyed trials at West Ham and Reading.

### Defenders

#### 5 STEVE McNULTY

The experienced centre-half, 29, signed a new deal with the Hatters this summer after a string of accomplished performances for the club during 2012/13.

The Liverpool-born defender led Fleetwood Town to Conference title in 2011/12 as captain and has also played for Vauxhall Motors and Barrow.

#### 6 ANTHONY CHARLES

Central defender Charles, 32, helped Barnet and Aldershot to the Conference title in 2005 and 2008 respectively.

A calm, composed, left-footed defender, Charles left Aldershot for Northampton Town in January 2012 and went onto appear 18 times in League 2 for the Cobblers. He ended last season with Plymouth Argyle.

#### 12 SCOTT GRIFFITHS

Left-back Griffiths penned a one-year contract at the end of last season.

A former Dagenham & Redbridge man, the experienced 27-year-old joined the Hatters in March following his release from Peterborough United. He won the Conference with Dagenham in 2007 and had a loan spell at Chesterfield.

#### 14 ANDY PARRY

The 21-year-old central defender was signed from Southport on a two-year contract this summer.

Also able to play in central midfield, Parry has two seasons' worth of Conference football under his belt and began his career as a youngster at Blackburn Rovers.

#### 25 RONNIE HENRY

Henry is Club captain at Luton and a right-back in his second season with the club.

The defender joined the Hatters from Stevenage, who he helped win promotion from the Conference to League One. The 29-year-old, capped four times by England C, played almost 300 games during seven years at Stevenage.

#### 30 ALEX LACEY

Highly-rated centre-half who enjoyed a fine pre-season in which he was handed the captain's armband by manager John Still.



Lacey, now 20, made his Town debut as a 17-year-old in the FA Trophy and spent last season on loan with Conference South club Eastleigh.

### Midfielders

#### 4 JONATHAN SMITH

Central midfielder Smith joined the Hatters from Swindon Town last season having helped the Robins lift the League Two title in 2011/12 under Italian manager Paolo Di Canio.

Also capable of playing at right-back the 26-year-old has also played for Morecambe, Forest Green Rovers and York City.

#### 7 ALEX LAWLESS

The influential and creative midfielder penned a new two-year contract in May, turning down contracts at two clubs in League One to stay at Kenilworth Road.



The 6'2" Cannock-born former Aston Villa and Tamworth central midfielder had joined Kidderminster Harriers in January 2012 following his release from Tamworth.

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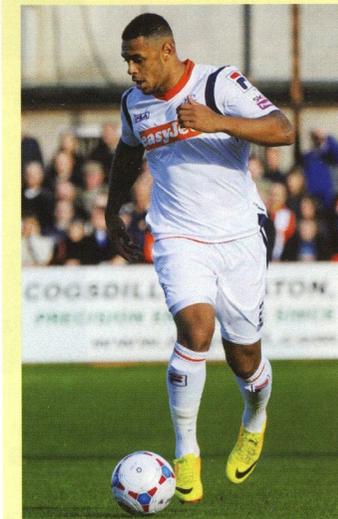
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### Andre Gray

TOP GUN



**Lightening quick 22-year-old forward Andre Gray finished last season as Luton Town's leading goalscorer with 20 goals.**

The young striker made an instant impact when signing from Conference North club Hinckley United in March 2012 and has been capped by England C.

His career began at Shrewsbury Town where he played four games while also gaining experience on loan at AFC Telford United and Hinckley.

**He then joined the Knitters on a permanent basis scoring 39 goals in 86 games before moving into the Conference top flight with Luton.**

#### 8 SOLOMON TAIWO



Central midfielder signed by John Still in March.

Taiwo, 28, starred for a host of non-league clubs before being snapped by Still at Dagenham & Redbridge in 2007 where he became a driving force in the Daggers engine room. His impressive performances led to him signing for Cardiff City two years later for £250,000.

#### 11 JAKE HOWELLS

Although only 22 Howells is the Hatters' longest serving player having made his debut as a 17-year-old on the final day of the 2007/08 season.

Since then, the left-footer has been capped by Wales at under-21 level and has made over 200 appearances for the club.

#### 17 JJ O'DONNELL

Left-sided midfielder O'Donnell, 21, joined the Town in 2010 from St Albans and made his debut as a substitute in an FA Cup tie against Corby Town later that year.

After successful loan spells at Thurrock and Hampton & Richmond Borough, he penned a three-year contract last summer.

#### 18 DAVE MARTIN

Left-winger Martin, 28, signed for the Hatters in January having started his professional career at Crystal Palace.

He played over 80 games for Millwall, had a two year spell at Derby County and played for Southend United in 2012/13, signing a new two-year deal for Luton in the summer.

#### 22 SHAUN WHALLEY

Attack-minded midfielder or winger Whalley moved to Kenilworth Road on a two-year deal from Southport in the close season.

The 25-year-old was in inspired form for the Sandgrounders throughout 2012/13, scoring ten goals and ended the campaign with a string of end-of-season awards.

Has also played for Wrexham and Chester.



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#### 28 JIM STEVENSON

Box-to-box midfielder Stevenson was signed in May on a two-year deal from Histon.

The youngster scored 11 goals for the Stutes in 2012/13 and ended the campaign as the club's top scorer. The 21-year-old had made his full debut as a 17-year-old at Kenilworth Road for Histon.

### Strikers

#### 9 JON SHAW

Shaw, 29, is in his second season at Kenilworth Road having joined the club from Gateshead where he scored 45 league goals in 80 appearances.

Originally with hometown club Sheffield Wednesday the much travelled striker has also played for Burton Albion, Halifax Town, Rochdale and Mansfield Town, and had loan spells at Crawley Town and Barrow.

#### 10 ALEX WALL

A raw, powerful centre-forward with pace to boot, who became John Still's first signing at Kenilworth Road when he joined the club from Maidenhead last season.

Wall, 22, scored his first goals for the Hatters when hitting a brace in a 2-0 win over Ebbsfleet United in April.

#### 13 MARK CULLEN

Young striker Cullen was signed following his release from Premier League-bound Hull City.

A clever, poacher of a forward, he impressed the manager with two fine performances against the Hatters whilst on loan at Stockport County. Given his debut for Hull in the Premier League, Cullen, 21, scored on his full debut for the Tigers in the top flight.

#### 26 PAUL BENSON

Experienced centre-forward signed on a season-long loan from Swindon Town in August.

Benson, 33, helped Dagenham & Redbridge to two promotions with John Still, scoring over 75 goals in the process. Continued to score once he left the Daggers when with Charlton Athletic and Swindon where he won the League Two title in 2012.

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## The Far Corner

Welcome to Luton Town making their annual visit to the International Stadium; five years and counting since the Hatters fell out of the Football League and they are becoming increasingly desperate to get back to where many believe they belong.

It has been a grim time for those who support the Bedfordshire club. Successive relegations and punishments have got them where they are and the halcyon days of the top level are a long, long way away.

Luton bumped along in the lower divisions for many years before they reached the First Division in 1955. An FA Cup final followed four years later, losing to Nottingham Forest and Elton John's uncle.

They moved up and down in the subsequent years until they came back into the public eye thanks to comedian Eric Morecambe.

His constant references to the Hatters on The Morecambe and Wise TV show made a nation chuckle.

Born Eric Bartholomew in the Lancashire town that became his stage name, he settled in Harpenden and became a fan in the 1960's.

He has a lounge at the ground named after him and is one of a number of "celebrities" who are or have been Town fans.

England cricketer, and founder of The Society Of Friends of the Nightclub Bouncer, Monty Panesar, is also a supporter as is the poet and raconteur John Hegley.

Former Catatonia singer and 6Music presenter Cerys Matthews might also be a fan because of the fact that her current squeeze is, while Round The Horne scriptwriter and swivel eyed TV star Marty Feldman also stood on the terraces in the post war days.

There are a number of other "celebs" who have allied themselves to non-league teams, although I can't find any who support Gateshead. Mind you, when you look at some of the names recanted below, you may well be very pleased that we don't have any.

Cambridge United, Nick Hornby's second team after Arsenal, have football commentator and pundit Gary Newbon as a semi-regular at The Abbey Stadium.

Macclesfield Town boast 5Live commentator Alan Green as a Macc fan, although many suspect that the controversial Ulsterman is more of a Liverpool aficionado, particularly if they are Old Trafford regulars.

Green can go to Moss Rose safe in the knowledge that he will not be called upon to commentate on the Silkmen in the foreseeable future.

Conference newcomers FC Halifax Town boast Sir Bernard Ingham as a Shayman. For those of you not over the age of 40, he was Margaret Thatcher's Press Secretary, a pugnacious Tyke who embodied the old phrase "You can always tell a Yorkshireman - but not much."



Eric Morecambe

Whether he is a Shay regular is debatable - a more exhaustive trawl of the internet suggests that his allegiance is directed towards Burnley - a Lancashire club.

Strugglers Hyde are well known as the team for Ricky Hatton, as well as Manchester City. The ground is situated near The Butty Box where Hatton piled on

the weight between fights.

It is also near the one time surgery of the infamous Dr Shipman, who sent a fair proportion of the town to meet their maker.



Queens Park Rangers goalkeeper Rob Green is a Woking fan and really does stand on the terraces at Kingfield, while Kidderminster Harriers share the affections of Robert Plant with the Wolves.



Frank Sidebottom

Plant lead singer of Led Zeppelin, has had a successful solo career and released a superb album "Raising Sand" as part of a duo with U.S. country singer Alison Krauss. Whether she was tempted onto the terraces at Aggborough is not recorded.

My favourite "celeb supporter" was distinctly strange music act Frank Sidebottom. The Altrincham

fan wore a 40's style suit and a huge papier-mâché head with wide eyes and a pumpkin like smile.

Frank came from the nearby village of Timperley, where a statue was raised to him after his death in 2010. Much of the money raised for this erection came from Altrincham fans, the club which Frank, and his alter-ego, Chris Sievey supported through thick and thin.

He even wrote a song for them; "Robins aren't Bobbins" and frequently name checked Alty on his radio and TV appearances.

As we all know, the real star supporters are those who turn up at Gateshead, Grimsby and Gainsborough every week and who travel the length and breadth of the country to follow their teams.

**Hats off to you all and particularly to the visiting fans reading this.**

**Pete Sixsmith**



# Big Match Analysis

## The Line-ups

Gateshead (4-3-3)



### Substitutions:

Magnay for Ramshaw (75).

**Not used:** Boyes, Baird (gk), Brown, Brodie, Cummins, Tait.

**Goal:** Curtis (74).

**Bookings:** None.

### GATESHEAD TOP THREE



James Curtis    Liam Hatch    Jamie Chandler

### Chester (4-1-3-2)

Danby, L.Turner, Kay (Williams 55), Killock, Higginbotham, McIntyre, Lindfield (Horan 84), N.Turner, Titchiner (Jarret 46), Seddon, Reed.

**Subs not used:** Heath, Fearon.

**Bookings:** Kay, Williams.

**Referee:** Wayne Barratt (Bromsgrove)



Saturday 26th October 2013

## Chester 0

Attendance:



# Chester v Gateshead



## HEED STAR MAN



Gateshead's longest serving player came up with a stunning strike - his 19th in a ten year career on Tyneside - a goal worthy of winning any cup-tie.

James Curtis was also a towering presence at the back as The Heed kept yet another clean sheet.

Liam Hatch, meanwhile, led the line well while Jamie Chandler gave a typical all action display and had two chances to score after bursting into the box.

## THE GOAL

74 mins (0-1)

This is a goal that will go down in Heed folklore such was the quality of Curtis's match winning strike.

The big defender's header from Colin Larkin's corner rebounded to Ben Clark off a Chester defender.

Clark headed the ball back into the path of central defensive partner Curtis who smashed an instinctive left foot volley into the far corner from the left side of the box.



## KEY MOMENT

The only goal of the game was clearly the defining moment but there was another shortly afterwards at the other end.



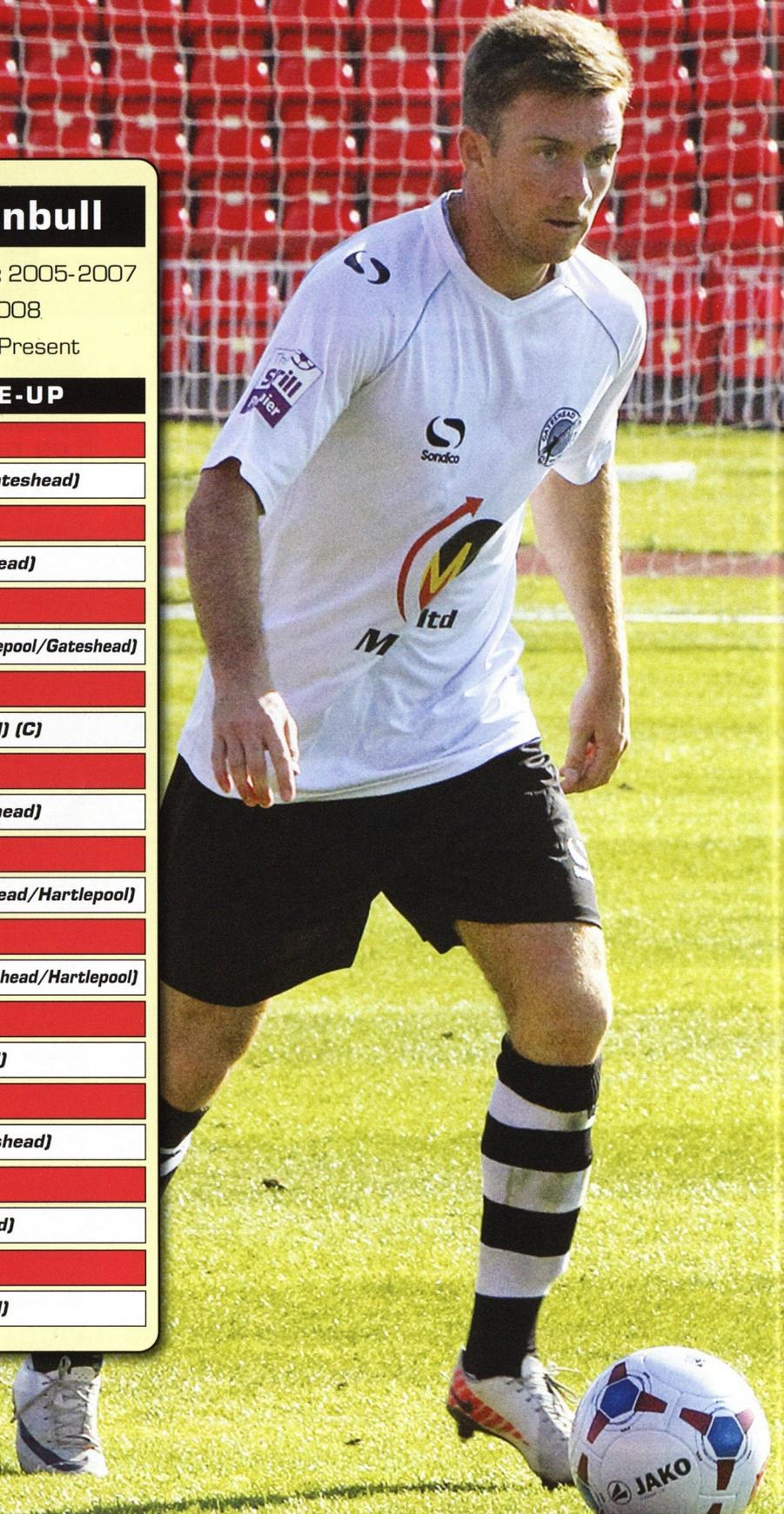
On loan Leeds United defender Ross Killock's close range header brought a stunning save at his near post by the previously redundant Adam Bartlett.



Pics by Terry Marland



# Top X1 Team-Mates



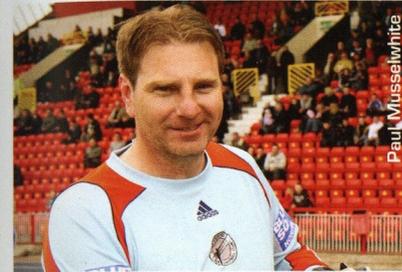
## Phil Turnbull

**Hartlepool United:** 2005-2007  
**York City:** 2007-2008  
**Gateshead:** 2008-Present

### THE LINE-UP

- 1** Goalkeeper  
Paul Musselwhite (Gateshead)
- 2** Right-Back  
Craig Baxter (Gateshead)
- 3** Left-Back  
John Brackstone (Hartlepool/Gateshead)
- 4** Centre-Back  
Ben Clark (Gateshead) (C)
- 5** Centre-Back  
James Curtis (Gateshead)
- 6** Right-Midfield  
James Brown (Gateshead/Hartlepool)
- 7** Centre-Midfield  
Stephen Turnbull (Gateshead/Hartlepool)
- 8** Centre-Midfield  
Kris Gate (Gateshead)
- 9** Left-Midfield  
Wayne Phillips (Gateshead)
- 10** Striker  
Lee Novak (Gateshead)
- 11** Striker  
Jon Shaw (Gateshead)

Pic by Charlie Waugh

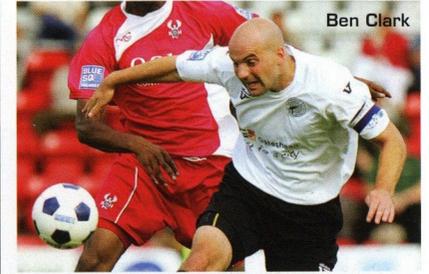


Paul Musselwhite

### Paul Musselwhite

"He was just unbelievable during his time at Gateshead, he was an absolute leader, quiet in the dressing but when he spoke you listened as he had so much knowledge of the game."

"Musser also made the best double save I have ever seen in my entire life against Telford to get us promoted in the play-off final."



Ben Clark

### Craig Baxter

"He is the most consistent player I have ever played with, he's played over 250 games over six years here and he's never once had a bad game."

"He is as hard as they come and has unbelievable quality and I was buzzing when he returned in the summer."

### Ben Clark

"Ben is the complete modern defender, a great centre-back and on top of that he is also brilliant on the ball."

"My game has only improved through playing in the same side as some-one like him at Gateshead."

### James Curtis

"It is the biggest injustice that James has not played at a higher level. He never loses a header and I would say 99% our of success comes down to how well he has played and his influence."

"His goal against Chester last weekend was unbelievable as well - James Van Basten !"

### John Brackstone

"I played with John at Hartlepool and Gateshead and he had a wand of a left foot."

"I've never seen anyone pass it like him. He was another great player to have in the dressing room and was just one of the lads."

### James Brown

"At Hartlepool, aged 17 or 18, Brown was the best player I have ever played with. No one could get the ball off him."

"Only horrendous injuries stopped him from playing at the very top and he is still quality now at Gateshead."

### Stephen Turnbull

"I played football with my brother virtually all my life until he left Gateshead for Blyth Spartans and he completely dictates games from start to finish."

"He has two good feet and a great range of passing."

### Kris Gate

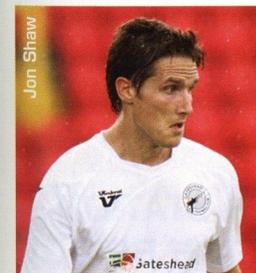
"I played alongside Gatey during very successful times at Gateshead and he did everything you would want your midfield partner to do."

"He would do everything to win every battle, he could score, win tackles and he was a top lad to have in the dressing room and I was devastated when he left the club."

### Wayne Phillips

"When Gateshead won back-to-back promotions, no one could get near him - he would just glide past players."

"He scored some great goals, including the play-off final winner that took us into the Conference Premier, and he was just a brilliant outlet every week."



Jon Shaw

### Jon Shaw

"Shawsy was the complete old fashioned centre-forward, he could score, run the channels and he was a great player for a midfielder to play with."

"It is a bonus for us that he is not playing for Luton today because he scores goals and that is the hardest thing you can do in football."

### Lee Novak

"Lee was the best goalscorer I have ever played with, you would go into games knowing he would score."

"I knew going into the Conference North play-off's we were guaranteed promotion because we had him and he has gone on to bigger and better things at Huddersfield and now Birmingham."



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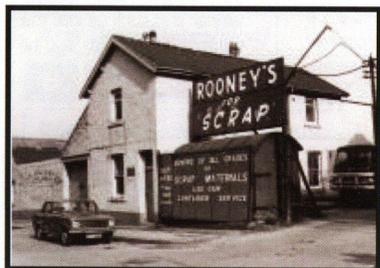
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**The Inside Track**

**James Marwood has been a revelation under new manager Gary Mills and has added goals to his game to become a top performer for The Heed.**

Marwood is in his 4th year at Gateshead and approaching a century of games without being a regular in the side - until this season.

"I was delighted to have scored three goals in four games before Saturday's FA Cup tie at Chester and my CV is looking a lot better now.

"I've finally got more goals for Gateshead than my two red cards !

"When Gary Mills got the job as manager at Gateshead he took a look at my track record and my goalscoring record was shocking - just the one goal.

"Over the last few weeks the gaffer has probably spoken to me more than any other manager has previously.

"We have talked about my game and he has told me there are goals for me in this team, and I even scored with my head at Hyde !

"I had a really good goalscoring record when I was a young lad at Newcastle United's Academy and I could stick the ball away in training, it was just in matches I couldn't hit a barn door.

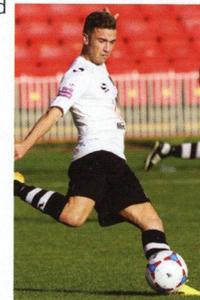
"It played on my mind a lot, especially as a wide player because you want to be scoring a few goals and we've been working on my positional play.

"It has gone well recently in front of goal and, hopefully, I can chip in with a few more goals and repay the gaffer for putting faith in me."

Marwood has consigned the poor start to the season to the history books. The Heed are flying and the 23-year-old has played a significant part in the startling revival.

"Let's be honest we had a shocking start. We had four defeats and a draw before we got our first win after there had been a buzz about the place during the summer.

"We'd signed some big names but things didn't really materialise under the previous manager, Anth Smith, and now Mills has taken over and done very well.



James Marwood

"It was a big coup for the club to get him as it was only two seasons ago he won the FA Trophy and promotion to the Football League with York City.

"He brought in Darren Caskey as his number two and a lot of the sessions, particularly shape work on a Friday, are short and intense. It stays in the brain.

"We've got some good footballers at the club. Phil Turnbull could play in the Championship and players like John Oster and Josh Walker have been there and done it.

"It's great to lean on players like Oster for advice. Sometimes players who have been at the top don't have much time for younger ones, but he's not like that at all."



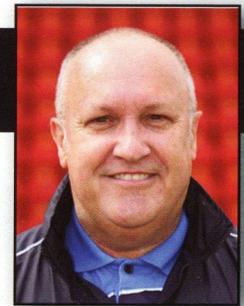
Phil Turnbull

With six wins from the last seven games in the league Gateshead have moved to within two points of the play-offs and just three points behind fourth top Braintree Town.

"All the lads are in a really positive frame of mind at the minute. The gaffer has got the tempo up, we're pressing teams and we're enjoying it.

**"When he first came here we were in on our days off working on things. It's paying dividends so far and long may that continue."**

**Jeff Bowron**



**TREATMENT**



**TABLE**

**Dan Smith** (cartilage) and **Joe Tait** (double groin) are both back in training after their respective operations and will now look to get games under their belt.

**Josh Walker** (ankle), **Jamie Chandler** and **Micky Cummins** (Metacarpel) are all fully recovered and back in full training.

**Luke O'Brien** (knee) is progressing well and has been in the gym this week working on a strengthening programme.

**Richard Brodie** picked up an ankle injury in training earlier this week and missed the Durham Challenge Cup tie against Coxhoe Athletic.

**Suzanne Davis**

# Programme Parade



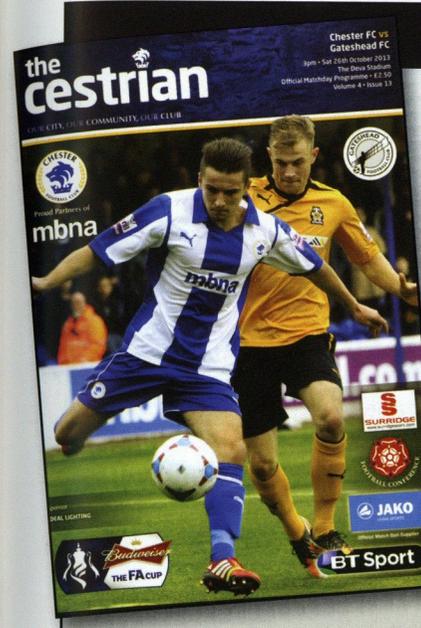
## Chester FC

**The Cestrian**  
**Cost: £2.50** Pages: 48

**Overview:** The Cestrian is a new addition to the canon of Conference Premier programmes and it's a commendable effort from the Deva Stadium outfit. There are some good archive features, one including Gateshead, and photographs are plentiful and an excellent standard. Four consecutive pages of match action from the Braintree and Cambridge United games is a bit much, 18 photos in total, and would have been better off set well apart. The content is varied to take in more than the non-league game which will be a plus for some fans but a minus for others. The Cestrian is a well put together and attractive programme though putting the Gateshead squad in order of positions on the back page without any numbers next to them was a strange one.



**Programme Rating**  
**8/10**



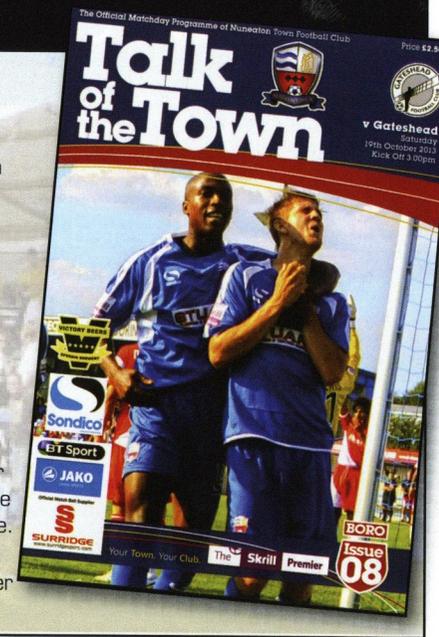
## Nuneaton Town

**Talk of the Town**  
**Cost: £2.50** Pages: 44

**Overview:** Nuneaton are in their second season in the top tier of non-league football and their Talk of the Town programme is an improvement on last season. Having said that it is not one of the better programmes in the Skril Premier and the amount of reading is limited. The front cover is attractive, if a little out of focus, and the Gateshead section is the standard history and player profiles, the first two pages without a photo and heavy going. There is a page each early on from the manager and the chairman and a two page historical piece with good archive photos later in the programme. Four consecutive pages of adverts in each half does not help the flow and the centre page player celebration pic, like the front cover, is not sharp.



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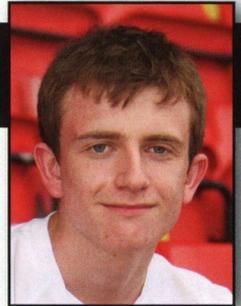
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## The Lonesome Pine



**Well, so ends the third month of the football calendar, and with a third of the season under our belts things begin to get interesting.**

With so many games elapsed the tables begin to take shape, and while they do not define the year for certain they often lay the path for who will finish in what area come the season's end.

This year, however, has been surprising, as it has given us not one or two but several trailblazers - 11 sides in the top five divisions have lost one game or less, and until last week three sides had lost no games at all.

GPR, Leyton Orient and Cambridge United began with extended unbeaten runs, which saw them concede just 16 goals between them.

This is before the multitude of powerful sides are factored in. Arsenal, Liverpool and Spurs are all in with a chance of upsetting the Premier League's old order and unfancied Burnley lead the Championship table with the best goal difference.

This season is certainly turning out to be one that is bringing out the best in some clubs, but in other times things haven't always gone according to plan, and I believe a celebration of the very worst in professional sport are in order.

We can begin in this very season: Sheffield Wednesday and Hyde still exist without a win to their name, and the situation looks particularly bleak for Hyde.

There are times, meanwhile, when entire seasons have gone wrong: Derby County in 2007, for example, who set a Premier League record unlikely to be broken.

The Rams racked up a mighty 11 points from a possible 114, with just one win to their name, the lowest number of goals scored (20) and the worst goal difference (-69).

This run, however, says more about Newcastle United, who were responsible for nearly half of those eleven points!

In 2010-11 Redditch United suffered one of the worst Football Conference seasons, managing just two wins and nine points in a 42 game Conference North season.

Also in the Conference North, the 2006-07 season saw Lancaster City begin the year on -10 and finish on 1. They only managed two wins the entire season, and unfortunately for the City faithful both were away from home.

But in the higher tiers of football exceptionally bad seasons are uncommon: even prominent strugglers like Portsmouth and Luton Town still managed at least 30 points.

For exceptional failures at the highest possible level you need look no further than the United States of America.

With the riches behind the sports franchises you'd think even those who failed wouldn't fail badly, but luckily for this article they certainly do.

In 2011-12 the Charlotte Bobcats managed just seven wins out of a possible 66. Their next closest contender, the Washington Wizards, tellingly still managed 20 wins.

In 2008 the Detroit Lions became the first and currently only NFL team to play the current 16-game season without a single win. On average they were losing each game by a hefty 15 points.



The Rams in action at Old Trafford in 2007

Five years earlier, the city of Detroit suffered another blow when their baseball side the Tigers won just 43 games out of a possible 162, the worst record in modern Major League Baseball history.

Thankfully, however, despite the rotten seasons we have had in the past this campaign certainly doesn't look to be like one.

We currently hold the best overall and away form in the league and we find ourselves in the 1st Round of the FA Cup, ready to provide Oxford United with a stern test.

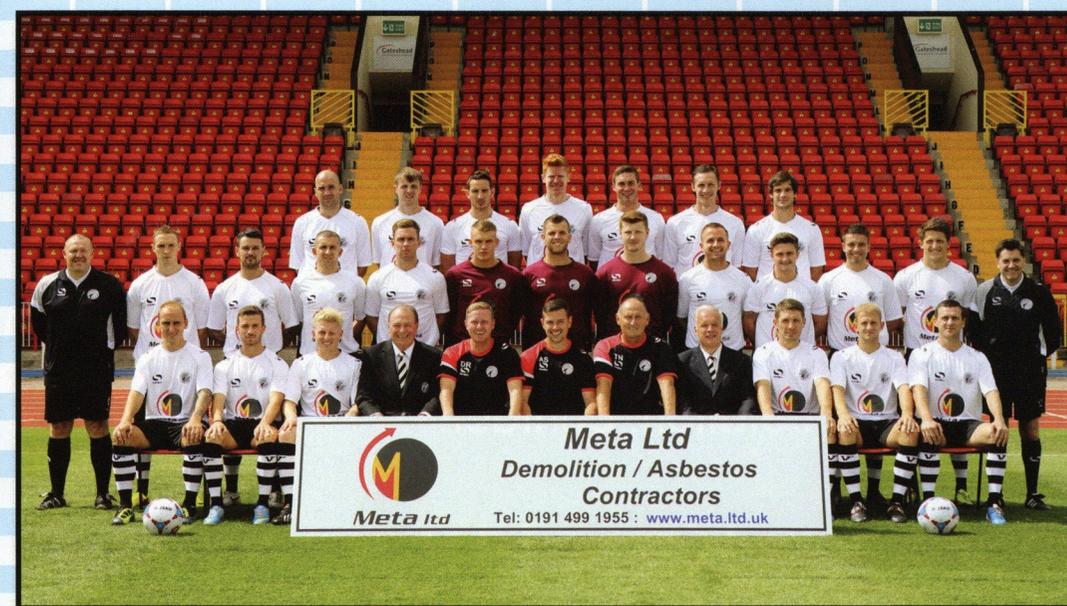
**Besides, with only three months gone we've already managed more wins than the Charlotte Bobcats!**

Alex Jackson

Month	Date	Opponents	KO	Result	Attendance	Away Fans	Pos	1	2	3	4	
AUG 2013	SAT 10	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	A	15:00	L 1-3	2,110	82	20th	BARTLETT	BAXTER	O'BRIEN	CHANDLER
	TUE 13	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	19:45	L 1-2	944	256	20th	BARTLETT	MAGNAY	O'BRIEN	CHANDLER
	SAT 17	BARNET	H	15:00	L 1-2	639	65	21st	BARTLETT	BAXTER	O'BRIEN	CHANDLER
	SAT 24	SOUTHPORT	A	15:00	L 1-2	915	41	22nd	BARTLETT	BAXTER	O'BRIEN	CHANDLER
	MON 26	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H	15:00	D 2-2	631	80	22nd	BARTLETT	MAGNAY	O'BRIEN	CHANDLER
SEPT 2013	SAT 31	WOKING	A	15:00	W 2-1	1,230	26	19th	BARTLETT	BAXTER	O'BRIEN	CHANDLER
	SAT 07	HEREFORD UNITED	H	15:00	W 2-1	931	72	17th	BARTLETT	CUMMINS	O'BRIEN	CHANDLER
	SAT 14	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A	19:45	L 0-1	1,599	28	18th	BARTLETT	MAGNAY	O'BRIEN	CHANDLER
	TUE 17	WREXHAM	H	19:45	L 0-3	538	48	19th	BARTLETT	MAGNAY	O'BRIEN	CHANDLER
	SAT 21	TAMWORTH	A	15:00	W 1-0	738	62	17th	BARTLETT	LELAN	MAGNAY	CHANDLER
OCT 2013	TUE 24	CHESTER	H	19:45	W 3-2	610	140	16th	BARTLETT	LELAN	MAGNAY	MARWOOD
	SAT 28	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	A	15:00	L 0-1	1,149	24	16th	BARTLETT	LELAN	MAGNAY	MARWOOD
	SAT 05	DARTFORD	H	15:00	W 2-0	561	21	16th	BARTLETT	BAXTER	MAGNAY	MARWOOD
	TUE 08	HYDE	A	19:45	W 2-0	409	33	13th	BARTLETT	BAXTER	MAGNAY	MARWOOD
	SAT 12	ALFRETON TOWN	H	15:00	W 3-0	778	24	11th	BARTLETT	BAXTER	SIRRELL	MARWOOD
NOV 2013	SAT 19	NUNEATON TOWN	A	15:00	W 4-1	946	32	10th	BARTLETT	BAXTER	SIRRELL	MARWOOD
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MON 21	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	15:00									
SAT 26	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	15:00									



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## Up For The Cup!



**Gateshead will head to the Kassam Stadium next weekend to renew acquaintances with Oxford United in the 1st round of the FA Cup.**

Oxford spent four years in the Conference between 2006-10 before they were promoted back into the Football League and currently sit top of League Two.

The U's, however, are only three points above 9th placed Scunthorpe United such is the level of competition in a tight fourth tier of English football.

Oxford are unbeaten on their travels but their home record is much less impressive and they have won only one of their last five games at the Kassam, losing three of them.

Gateshead will undoubtedly be underdogs but after five wins on the spin ahead of today's big clash with Luton certainly cannot be written off.

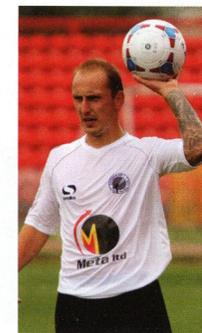
"Oxford are going well but so are we and we will go there full of confidence," said manager Gary Mills. "We are more than capable of going there and getting a result, whether it be a win or a draw.

"We've been drawn away again and, like all clubs would have preferred a home tie, but it is a challenge we will relish and the aim remains the same, to get to the 3rd round when the big boys come in.

"I got to the 3rd round when I was at York City and going to Oxford will hold no fears for us. As at Chester we will look to win the game at the first attempt but bringing them back to Gateshead will also be a good result."

The Tynesiders have won five games on their travels this season, four under Mills, and there have been a few links between Oxford and Gateshead in recent times.

Left-back Luke O'Brien, currently injured, turned down a short-term contract with the U's to join Gateshead in the summer.



Luke O'Brien

David Rush, assistant-manager during Anth Smith's short reign in the Heed hot seat, played for Oxford United as did former Gateshead pair Yemi Odubade and Eddie Odiambo.

Oxford manager Chris Wilder, meanwhile, has expressed his satisfaction with the draw, £17,500 going to the winners.

"We're at home, so we're happy," said Wilder. "We know Gateshead are going well, Gary Mills has gone in there and they have had some good results.

"We would expect, if we play well, to go through. We are in good nick and first and foremost we didn't want a long journey, because there are lots you could have.



Chris Wilder

"We will also have a lot of information about the opposition, but we know they have good players who will relish the chance of playing at our place."

**Gateshead's only appearance at the Kassam Stadium in March 2010 saw them harshly go down 2-1 to an injury time goal and the class of 2013 will be looking to cause a Cup upset in seven days time.**

**Jeff Bowron**

## FA CUP 1ST ROUND DRAW

- Morecambe v Southend United
- Walsall v Shrewsbury
- Boreham Wood v Carlisle United
- St Albans City v Mansfield Town
- MK Dons v FC Halifax Town
- Bristol Rovers v York City
- Tamworth v Cheltenham Town
- Grimsby Town v Scunthorpe United
- Bury v Cambridge United
- Corby Town v Dover Athletic
- Colchester United v Sheffield United
- Oxford United v Gateshead**
- Hartlepool United v Notts County
- Wrexham v Alfreton Town
- Chesterfield v Daventry Town
- Bristol City v Dagenham & Redbridge
- AFC Wimbledon v Coventry City
- Preston North End v Barnet
- Bishop's Cleeve v Northampton Town
- Burton Albion v Hereford United
- Rotherham United v Bradford City
- Gillingham v Brackley Town
- Salisbury City v Dartford
- Accrington Stanley v Tranmere Rovers
- Brentford v Staines Town
- Stevenage v Portsmouth
- Shortwood United v Port Vale
- Leyton Orient v Southport
- Peterborough United v Exeter City
- Torquay United v Rochdale
- Braintree Town v Newport County
- Oldham Athletic v Wolves
- Lincoln City v Plymouth Argyle
- Kidderminster Harriers v Sutton United
- Hednesford Town v Crawley Town
- Stourbridge v Biggleswade Town
- Welling United v Luton Town
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- Gloucester City v Fleetwood Town

\*Ties to be played on 9th and 10th November

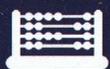
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## Black Cats Challenge



**Gateshead played a behind-closed-doors friendly against Sunderland's U.21 Development squad in the week leading up to the Heed's FA Cup tie at Chester.**

Sunderland's impressive training complex was opened ten years ago. The facilities are top notch and hot food was laid on for Gateshead players and officials after the game in the players restaurant.

Two unfortunate second half Reece Noble own goals and two George Honeyman penalties, one in each half, saw the Tynesiders beaten 4-2 after James Brown had opened the scoring after just 83 seconds.

Sunderland moved the ball about with pace and created a host of chances in what was a tough 90 minutes for an experienced Gateshead side that included four former Black Cats.

Dan Smith played his first game after his knee operation and Carl Magnay and Micky Cummins both returned after injury while fit again pair Jamie Chandler and Brown played the full 90 minutes.

"It was an excellent work out and just what we needed with players coming back from injury and others needing game time, so it was perfect for us," said manager Gary Mills.

"It was good for Sunderland as well as it was a proper game. Magnay was possibly the best player on the pitch, he was excellent at centre-half.

"Brown scored a good goal at the start and while you always want to win games it was more about the minutes and getting the fitness levels up."

An Andrew Cartwright foul on Marcus Maddison saw the former Newcastle winger's inviting second minute free kick headed into the top corner by Brown - a good goal and a dream start.

It was hard work for the rest of the half as a lively Sunderland dominated the football, Craig Lynch putting a one-on-one wide as Heed debutant keeper Alex Baird narrowed the angle.

Honeyman was then inches wide while Brown ran at the Black Cats defence to hit a shot that Joel Dixon saved to his left, Baird diving to his right to turn Louis Laing's shot away one-handed and from the corner Lynch shot inches wide.



Gateshead in action against Sunderland

Sunderland were then given a soft penalty by Football League referee Geoff Eltringham to get back into the game just before the half hour.

There appeared to be minimal contact when Smith challenged Honeyman on the right side of the box but Eltringham surprisingly pointed to the spot.

Honeyman duly converted the penalty, Maddison and Richard Brodie then withdrawn by Mills at the interval and Gateshead were behind three minutes into the second period.

Substitute Noble, a former Sunderland trainee, turned Carl Lawson's shot into his own net and then Australian Baird saved from Honeyman when the midfielder was in on goal.

Baird then came to the rescue with his boot from Adam Mitchell but Smith's cross from the left was headed on by Boyes for the unmarked Hatch, at the back in the first half and up front for the second, to head over an exposed Dixon for the equaliser.

Sunderland missed another golden chance when Mitchell got behind the Heed defence only to volley over from outside the box with only Baird to beat.

Two minutes later, however, a Lynch shot struck Noble on the chest to deflect into the net and then Baird's lunge at Mitchell resulted in another penalty, Honeyman again scoring from 12 yards.

**Sunderland X1:** Dixon (Burke 83), Cartwright (Ferguson 15) (Marrs 70), Harrison, Laing, McNamee, Egan, Holland, Honeyman, Lynch, Lawson, Mitchell.

**Gateshead X1:** Baird (Harkness 79), Cummins, Smith, Chandler, Hatch, Magnay, Brown, Hope, Brodie (Noble 46), Boyes, Maddison (Coppin 46).

**Referee:** Geoff Eltringham (Sunderland)

Jeff Bowron

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## Gateshead Football Club Statistics 2013/14

Name of Player	2013/14 Apps.	2013/14 Sub. Apps.	2013/14 Goals	Pre-2013 Apps.	Pre-2013 Goals	Total GFC Apps.	Total GFC Goals	Debut Game Season & Opponent
Adam Bartlett	17	0	0	50	0	67	0	11/08/12 vs Luton Town
Craig Baxter	9	1	0	269	9	279	9	02/09/06 vs Ashton United
Adam Boyes	4	5	0	0	0	9	0	10/08/13 vs Kidderminster Harriers
Richard Brodie	4	4	2	0	0	8	2	10/08/13 vs Kidderminster Harriers
James Brown	8	4	1	31	4	43	5	06/10/12 vs Hyde
Luke Carr	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	22/09/12 vs Woking
Jamie Chandler	11	2	1	55	6	68	7	14/01/12 vs Braintree Town
Ben Clark	17	0	0	137	4	154	4	14/08/10 vs Kettering Town
Micky Cummins	3	3	0	91	15	97	15	13/08/11 vs Kidderminster Harriers
James Curtis	12	0	1	457	18	469	19	16/08/03 vs Leek Town
Liam Hatch	6	5	1	42	11	53	12	24/01/12 vs Kettering Town
Jordan Hugill	3	4	5	0	0	7	5	21/09/13 vs Tamworth
Colin Larkin	15	2	5	0	0	17	5	10/08/13 vs Kidderminster Harriers
Josh Lelan	3	1	0	0	0	4	0	21/09/13 vs Tamworth
Marcus Maddison	1	5	0	0	0	6	0	13/08/13 vs Gimsby Town
Carl Magnay	11	1	2	40	2	52	4	06/03/12 vs Hayes & Yeading United
James Marwood	11	1	3	82	1	94	4	14/08/10 vs Kettering Town
Luke O'Brien	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	10/08/13 vs Kidderminster Harriers
John Oster	5	1	0	0	0	6	0	21/09/13 vs Tamworth
Rob Ramshaw	5	2	2	0	0	7	2	26/08/13 vs Macclesfield Town
Lewis Sirrell	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	12/10/13 vs Alfreton Town
Dan Smith	0	0	0	12	0	12	0	22/11/08 vs Harrogate Town
Joe Tait	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	10/08/13 vs Kidderminster Harriers
Phil Turnbull	17	0	1	273	14	290	15	17/12/05 vs Radcliffe Borough
Josh Walker	9	2	2	0	0	11	3	10/08/13 vs Kidderminster Harriers



### Goals

Player	Lge	Cup	Total
Jordan HUGILL	5	0	5
Colin LARKIN	5	0	5
James MARWOOD	3	0	3
Richard BRODIE	2	0	2
Carl MAGNAY	2	0	2
Rob RAMSHAW	2	0	2
Josh WALKER	2	0	2
James BROWN	1	0	1
Jamie CHANDLER	1	0	1
James CURTIS	0	1	1
Liam HATCH	1	0	1
Phil TURNBULL	1	0	1

### Cards

Player	Yellow	Red
Marcus MADDISON	3	-
Jamie CHANDLER	2	-
James CURTIS	2	-
Jordan HUGILL	2	-
Carl MAGNAY	2	-
Phil TURNBULL	2	-
Adam BARTLETT	1	-
Craig BAXTER	1	-
Adam BOYES	1	-
Richard BRODIE	1	-
Ben CLARK	1	-
Liam HATCH	1	-
Josh LELAN	1	-
James MARWOOD	1	-
John OSTER	1	-
Joe TAIT	1	-



## HOME & AWAY Man of the Match AWARDS

Ben CLARK	4
Jamie CHANDLER	3
James MARWOOD	3
Adam BARTLETT	1
James BROWN	1
James CURTIS	1
Colin LARKIN	1
John OSTER	1
Phil TURNBULL	1
Josh WALKER	1

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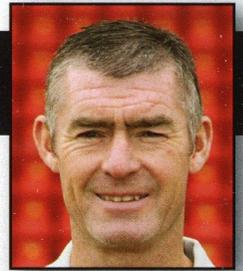
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## Gateshead FC U.19s



FA Youth Cup 3rd Qualifying Round  
**CONSETT U.18s 2**  
**GATESHEAD U.18s 6**

**Gateshead made it 23 goals from four FA Youth Cup ties when they hit Consett for six to earn a 1st round tie at League One club Tranmere Rovers.**

The clash at Prenton Park takes place on Monday night with Gateshead handed a home tie in the second round should they triumph on Merseyside.

The Heed were two up in the opening six minutes against Consett, the game played at Durham City's 3G pitch at New Ferens Park

While Consett pulled a goal back on the half hour Dean Briggs crucially restored the two goal cushion before the break.

Gateshead then pulled away in the second half to score three more goals before the Steelmen grabbed a late consolation goal.

"It was another excellent performance," said Gateshead coach Martin Pike "we started like a house on fire with the two early goals which left Consett shell-shocked.

"We had too much quality in all areas for them but we also did the ugly side of the game well. We are unbeaten and scoring goals and will go to Tranmere full of confidence."

Olly Ure got the ball rolling when he headed home Dave Carson's cross at close range and

Consett were undone by another ball into the box when Connor Lowes headed home Dean Briggs' inswinging centre.



Pics by Neil Smith

The Steelmen, however, were back in it when the Gateshead defence only half cleared a corner and Corey Steele found the net.

Briggs restored the Heed's two goal advantage ten minutes later when he found the far bottom corner with a low drive from the edge of the box.

Two goals before the hour then put the game beyond Consett. Meechak Kanda with a header from Ryan Drane's corner for the first.



Drane then made it five with the goal of the game when he worked a short corner with Carson to cut inside to find the far corner with an excellent angled drive.

A foul on Kanda saw Briggs bend the free kick around the wall for Gateshead's sixth of the night before Consett scored a second goal late on.

Gateshead, meanwhile, continued their winning start to the season when they switched to Football Conference Youth Alliance action on Monday.

Goals from Kanda, Dan Taggart and substitute Dillon Morse gave the Tynesiders a 3-0 victory to make it seven wins from seven in 2013/14.

**Gateshead U.18s:** McGregor, Gurr, Perry, Hay, Ure, Hogg, Briggs (Watt 75), Drane (Lawrence 71), Kanda, Lowes (Challinor 65), Carson.

**Subs:** (not used) Busby (gk), Bell.

**Referee:** James Westgate (Washington)

**Attendance:** 83

**Jeff Bowron**

## Gateshead FC U.19s 2013/14



### SEPTEMBER 2013

Mon 09	RYTON & CRAWCROOK (FAYC PR)	H	W 5-0
Wed 11	HYDE	H	W 3-0
Wed 18	HARROGATE TOWN	A	W 3-2
Mon 23	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC (FAYC 1GR)	A	W 8-0

### OCTOBER 2013

Mon 07	NELSON (FAYC 2GR)	A	W 4-0
Thu 24	CONSETT (FAYC 3GR)	A	W 6-2
Mon 28	GUISELEY	H	W 3-0
Wed 30	CHESTERFIELD	H	W 2-0

### NOVEMBER 2013

Mon 04	TRANMERE ROVERS (FAYC 1R)	A	19:00
Wed 13	FC HALIFAX TOWN	H	14:00
Wed 20	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A	14:00

### DECEMBER 2013

Wed 04	ALTRINCHAM	H	14:00
Wed 11	STOCKPORT COUNTY	A	14:00

### JANUARY 2014

Wed 08	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H	14:00
Wed 22	NEWCASTLE MMU	A	14:00
Wed 29	HYDE	A	14:00

### FEBRUARY 2014

Wed 05	HARROGATE TOWN	H	14:00
Wed 12	GUISELEY	A	14:00

### MARCH 2014

Wed 05	FARSLEY	H	14:00
Wed 12	FC HALIFAX TOWN	A	14:00
Wed 19	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	14:00
Wed 26	ALTRINCHAM	A	14:00

### APRIL 2014

Wed 02	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	14:00
Wed 09	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	14:00
Wed 16	NEWCASTLE MMU	H	14:00

TBC	CHESTERFIELD	A	14:00
TBC	FARSLEY	A	19:00



# Player Profile



## CRAIG BAXTER

### PERSONAL INFO

<b>Full Name:</b>	<b>Craig Michael Baxter</b>
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	<b>27th September 1986</b>
<b>Age:</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	<b>Newcastle</b>

### PLAYING CAREER

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<b>Gateshead:</b>	<b>2006-2012</b>
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<b>Gateshead:</b>	<b>2013-present</b>

### HONOURS

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<b>Conference North promotion</b>	<b>2008-9</b>

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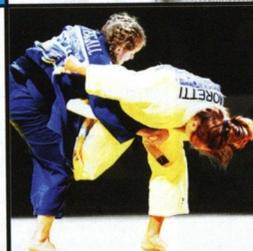
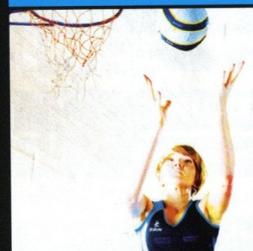
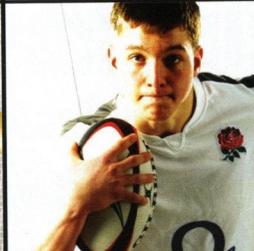
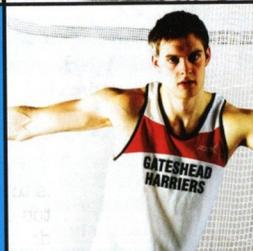


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### OXFORD NEXT IN THE CUP

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Over 100 Gateshead fans made the trip to Chester last weekend to cheer the boys to victory in the final qualifying round of the Cup and it was a great day.

While Oxford is obviously a longer trip it is important to travel in numbers to get behind the boys.

Oxford have reduced their admission prices significantly for the game and tickets for the Gateshead section will be on sale in advance which brings a further reduction.

**Tickets are just £10 and £5 in advance - Be part of the Heed Army at the Kassam !**

### MILLS TALK-IN

The Talk-In with manager Gary Mills, assistant Darren Caskey and chairman Graham Wood at Felling Cricket Club was a great success.

A full room of fans enjoyed a great evening and we were all delighted, and relieved, to hear the news that Gary has pledged his future to Gateshead this week.

He has the full backing of the Heed Army and together we can look towards a bright future.

The next Supporters Club meeting / Social Evening is this Thursday at the Nags Head on Gateshead High street.

The start is 7pm with a quiz taking place at 8:30pm and all Heed fans are welcome.

### AWAY TRAVEL

Forthcoming trips:

**Saturday 9th November 2013**  
**Oxford United**  
Kick-Off: 3:00pm

**Tuesday 12th November 2013**  
**Wrexham**  
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**The Supporters Club run transport to the majority of Gateshead away games.**

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**Fares will depend on the number of fans travelling, so remember, the more fans that travel to support the Heed, the cheaper it will be.**

## Heed Youth

**What a tremendous few weeks for Gateshead Football Club both on and off the pitch. In new colours too with the alternative yellow away shirt being a hit with the majority of fans.**

A very strong following watched Gary Mills' Black and White (or yellow!) Army march on to the next round of the FA Cup last Saturday.



Oxford United away was certainly not the best draw, however, but with the way we are playing anything is possible and it would be great if we could also take a big following to the Kassam.

The celebrations after the final whistle at Chester show we are valued and appreciated by the players and the staff.

However after this it came to light the news about Forest Green Rovers interest in manager Gary Mills and we are delighted he has committed his future to Gateshead.

In my time as a supporter I have never known there to be such a positive vibe around the club. On the terraces it also shows this.

After talking a lot to the Heed Youth we have decided to go ahead with some new ideas that will be confirmed soon but I'm sure we will have support in what we are doing.

The main priority is to ensure the top of the stand designated for the singers to be situated can have consistent singing with more vibrant chanting and co-ordination.

With this in mind we are also looking to create funds for new hand flags and personalised flags that the fans design. Of course this has only just been talked about but if you have any ideas you can talk to me at anytime.

Now let's hope today we can keep up our great results under Mills and really make a statement of intent to the rest of the clubs challenging in the top half of the table.

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## Talk of the Tyne

**THIRD STRIP LAUNCHED**  
 Gateshead unveiled a snazzy new third strip at Nuneaton Town and duly romped to their biggest win of the season.

The luminous lime green third strip was used again in Saturday's FA Cup 4th qualifying round tie at Chester.



The shirt has proved popular with 20 orders placed very quickly after its unveiling in the Midlands and more coming in.

At **£32:95** the top is £5 cheaper than the white home shirt and sky blue away shirt, both of which are available from the club shop.

With Christmas getting ever closer the three replica shirts will make ideal Christmas presents.

The new third shirt can be purchased on-line at: <http://www.gateshead-fc.com/shop/>

### HEED SCREWFIX OPENING

Gateshead manager Gary Mills and players Ben Clark, James Curtis and Colin Larkin were on hand to open the new Screwfix store opposite the International Stadium.



The second store is open seven days a week and has over 11,000 products to take away on any given day.

The Gateshead contingent were photographed with Screwfix staff at the launch with Curtis taking part in a drilling challenge that was captured by Gateshead FC TV.

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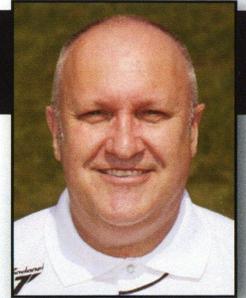
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### GFC ASSISTS 2013/14

Wide men Colin Larkin and James Marwood currently top the Assists Chart, with four each, after the opening 16 games of the season.

Colin Larkin **4**, James Marwood **4**, James Brown **3**, Rob Ramshaw **3**, Josh Walker **3**, Craig Baxter **2**, Ben Clark **2**, Phil Turnbull **2**, Jamie Chandler **1**, Carl Magnay **1**.

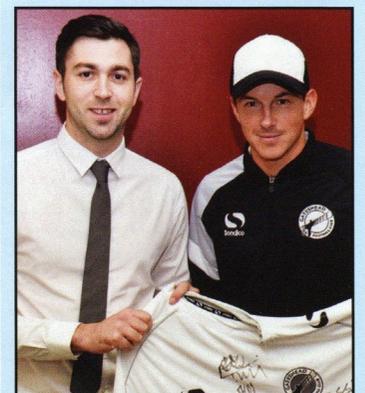
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Raymond Walkin of George Bond Interior Design Newcastle receives a signed shirt from John Oster.

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## Heed Social Media



### FANS FORUM

**The news that Gary Mills has rejected the advances of Forest Green Rovers has been met with delight amongst the Heed Army online.**

Rob Drane took to the club's official Facebook page to say: *"Great news for the Heed Army, respect to Gary Mills, there is some loyalty in football."*

BBC Newcastle's Matthew Raisbeck tweeted: *"Gary Mills is an honourable & decent man. Admits to being ambitious but believes he can & will achieve the success he craves at #gatesheadfc."*

While '@Tommo\_Heed\_Army' has called on Gateshead supporters to throw their full support behind Mills today, tweeting: *"I think we need to make sure there are plenty of Gary Mills chants against Luton."*

Neil Pinkerton added: *"It feels like Vince is trying to steal your wife @FGRFC - Official whilst on your honeymoon! #GatesheadFC #Heed\_Army"*

'@Work\_The\_Channels' a Twitter page dedicated to Non-League Football, also praised Mills, writing: *"Delighted for @Gatesheadfc that Mills is staying, Nice to see him remain loyal after being given the job. Clough-like characteristics?"*



Gary Mills

On the Heed Army fans forum page, meanwhile, the news followed the Heed's victory against Chester in the FA Cup, another reason for celebration amongst the Heed Army.

Graeme Greig wrote on Facebook: *"Great support so far from home, confidence and belief is back at the club."*

Keith Burn made his first away trip with Gateshead last weekend and tweeted: *"@GatesheadFC great first away game for me today, good to see the young uns so passionate about the team - great vocal support !! #heedarmy."*

James Curtis came up with a stunning 74th minute winner and the Heed hero took all the plaudits: *"The ginger Van Basten" said Neil Pinkerton. "Colocinni = Curtis wannabee" said Dan Bell.*

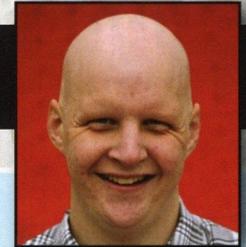


James Curtis

The Heed's reward is a 1st Round trip to former Conference rivals Oxford United and Steven Wardle posted: *"Gonna be a tough game for us, we need our best squad possible for this game."*

'Take Heed' meanwhile went onto the club's Fans Forum page to say: *"Not the draw we would have picked but the lads have nowt to fear. The FA Cup is all about not getting beat. Draw the away game and bring them back up north."*

**Paul Reece**



### TWEET WATCH

**Gateshead are through to the first round of the FA Cup after a hard-fought 1-0 victory at Chester last weekend.**

The Heed's reward is a trip to League Two leaders Oxford United and Carl Magnay praised the tremendous travelling Heed Army for their backing at the Deva Stadium. Magnay tweeted: *"Shout to the #heedarmy, away support was different class."*

Rob Ramshaw continued his run in the side and was delighted to mark his FA Cup debut with a win. *"Wow!!! First experience of the FA Cup and it was amazing! 1-0 win into the first round propa! Fans were class! #heedarmy Heavy black heart Football."*

Injured John Oster, meanwhile, tweeted: *"And the #heedarmy marches on! Good result boys #stillinthehat."*

Ramshaw, meanwhile, on target against Nuneaton when the Heed ran out 4-1 winners two weeks ago in the Skrill Premier and posted: *"Unbelievable feeling to get another goal #heed #promotionpush."*

Winger James Marwood was also on target in that game, continuing his rich vein of form, and he was congratulated by Luton Town's Jon Shaw.

The former Heed hit man posted: *"@Jmarzy44 on fire pal, great to see! All those days of smashing fences has made you stronger! Buzzin for you."*

On loan striker Jordan Hugill signed off with a goal against Boro and has since gone on to make his Football League debut for Port Vale in League One.

The striker, who netted five goals during his one-month on Tyneside, started as Micky Adams' men defeated Crawley Town 3-0.

Hugill wrote: *"Words can't describe how buzzing I am after making my League debut! Buzzing for the lads too, unreal win!"*



# Tynesiders In Action



Rob Ramshaw is denied by Alfreton Town keeper Ross Atkins.

Pic by Neil Smith



James Curtis deals with a high ball into the box at Hyde.

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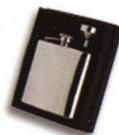
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The **Skrill Premier**

### FORM GUIDE

LAST 6 GAMES

Team Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 GATESHEAD	6	5	0	1	14	4	+10	15
2 LUTON TOWN	6	4	2	0	19	10	+9	14
3 Kidderminster Harriers	6	4	2	0	12	3	+9	14
4 Cambridge United	6	4	2	0	8	1	+7	14
5 Braintree Town	6	4	1	1	15	7	+8	13
6 Macclesfield Town	6	4	1	1	10	7	+3	13
7 Grimsby Town	6	4	0	2	14	6	+8	12
8 Welling United	6	3	1	2	8	8	0	10
9 Salisbury City	6	3	1	2	7	7	0	10
10 Barnet	6	2	3	1	7	5	+2	9
11 FC Halifax Town	6	2	2	2	10	9	+1	8
12 Wrexham	6	2	2	2	8	7	+1	8
13 Dartford	6	2	2	2	10	13	-3	8
14 Tamworth	6	2	1	3	7	10	-3	7
15 Woking	6	1	3	2	3	7	-4	6
16 Alfreton Town	6	2	0	4	8	13	-5	6
17 Lincoln City	6	1	2	3	6	8	-2	5
18 Southport	6	1	2	3	6	8	-2	5
19 Hereford United	6	1	2	3	3	5	-2	5
20 Aldershot Town	6	1	2	3	6	10	-4	5
21 Chester	6	1	2	3	4	8	-4	5
22 Forest Green Rovers	6	1	0	5	8	15	-7	3
23 Nuneaton Town	6	0	3	3	6	14	-8	3
24 Hyde	6	0	0	6	4	18	-14	0

The **Skrill Premier**

### FIXTURES

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, 2013

Alfreton Town v  
FC Halifax Town



Macclesfield Town v  
Wrexham



Barnet v  
Kidderminster Harriers



Southport v  
Cambridge United



Chester v  
Aldershot Town



Tamworth v  
Braintree Town



Forest Green Rovers v  
Dartford



Welling United v  
Lincoln City



GATESHEAD v  
Luton Town



Woking v  
Grimsby Town



Hyde v  
Nuneaton Town



### Skrill Conference Premier LEADING SCORERS 2013/14

**Moult** 10  
Nuneaton Town

**Gregory** 8  
FC Halifax Town

**Jennings** 8  
Macclesfield Town

**Williams** 8  
Aldershot Town

**Marsh-Brown** 7  
Barnet

**Cunnington** 6  
Cambridge United

**Gardner** 6  
FC Halifax Town

**Gray** 6  
Luton Town

**Guttridge** 6  
Luton Town

**Lafayette** 6  
Welling United

**Strutton** 6  
Braintree Town

**Akide** 5  
Alfreton Town

**Appiah** 5  
Cambridge United

**Larkin** 5  
Gateshead

**Berry** 5  
Cambridge United



# Conference Call

## PORT LOAN SIGNING

Southport have completed a deal with Sky Bet League Two side Chesterfield to bring central defender **Matt Brown** in on loan.



The 23-year-old central defender signed for the Spireites after gaining non-League experience at Evo-Stik Northern Premier League Premier Division side Marine.

Brown played for Tranmere Rovers at youth level before joining Manchester City, where he skippered the reserve team.

After trials with Accrington Stanley and Stockport County, he joined Northwich Victoria but suffered with injuries during that spell.

## JAMES BECOMES A HATTER

Former England keeper **David James** is to coach at Conference Premier side Luton Town, the club he supported as a boy.

The 43-year-old is pursuing his Uefa A coaching licence and will assist boss John Still, but will not have a playing role.



"I'm retired. Playing is not something I'm looking at doing. I want to qualify as a coach and eventually do management and my Pro Licence."

James last played in England for Bournemouth, but left the south-coast club in March to join Icelandic side IBV, before hanging up his boots.

Capped 53 times by England James added: "I feel I've been in the game so long that I need those qualifications just in case something comes up."

"I want it to be right for Luton. I don't want to upset what John's got in place."

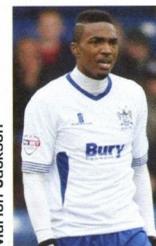
"I'll do anything that fulfils the criteria of the A Licence, whether that's taking the

younger lads or something. If John wants me to do more, I'll come in and do it."

"I'm a Luton Town fan, much to the annoyance of a lot of my Watford followers," said James, who played 926 games for eight different English sides.

## SHAKER JOINS IMPS

Lincoln City have added Bury striker **Marlon Jackson** to their squad on a two-month loan deal from League Two side Bury.



Marlon Jackson

Jackson had Football League experience during loan spells at Hereford United, Aldershot Town, Northampton Town and Cheltenham Town during his time as a youngster with home-town team Bristol City.

Following his departure from Ashton Gate he spent last season in the Conference Premier with Hereford United.

The 22-year-old has found first-team opportunities limited at Gigg Lane since joining the club in the summer and has joined the Imps until Boxing Day.

## CLARE STEPS DOWN

Louth Town have mutually agreed with **Daryl Clare** and his assistant **Carl Forman** that the managerial team will step down with immediate effect.



Daryl Clare

The Lincolnshire club were much-travelled striker Clare, who joined his last senior club Cambridge United in a £10,000 deal from Gateshead, first managerial post.

Clare took over at Louth in June 2012 and led them to third in the league last season – their highest ever finish – but they are currently bottom of the division with just nine points from 15 games.

**Jeff Bowron**

## The Skroll Premier

### MATCH of the DAY



**GATESHEAD v LUTON TOWN**  
Saturday 2nd November  
The International Stadium

The Skroll Premier Match of the Day comes straight from the International Stadium this afternoon as the league's two in-form sides go head-to-head.

Both Gateshead and Luton have won six of their last eight, with the Heed losing just two and the visitors drawing two.

Gary Mills' men have climbed to within two points of the coveted top-five while Luton sit third with just two defeats all season.

The Tynesiders head into the game in search of a sixth straight win while Town have scored three or more goals in seven of their last eight league matches.

Today is the fifth time Luton have headed north to play Gateshead, with the Heed winning two and losing one of the previous four fixtures in the region

Anth Smith's men picked up a memorable 5-1 victory over the Hatters at Carlisle United's Brunton Park last year during the Heed's pitch problems.

Andre Gray could be the visitors key man this afternoon, the pacey forward is the clubs joint-top goal scorer on six goals along with Luke Guttridge.

**Colin Larkin is the Gateshead's leading scorer with five goals while today is the first home game without Jordan Hugill after the front-man returned to parent club Port Vale.**



# Conference Tables

## The Skroll Premier

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cambridge United	16	11	5	0	25	6	+19	38
2	Kidderminster Harriers	16	10	2	4	28	17	+11	32
3	LUTON TOWN	16	8	6	2	30	16	+14	30
4	Braintree Town	16	8	4	4	24	15	+9	28
5	Grimsby Town	16	8	3	5	23	16	+7	27
6	Salisbury City	16	8	3	5	20	17	+3	27
7	Nuneaton Town	16	7	5	4	23	23	0	26
8	Barnet	16	6	7	3	25	18	+7	25
9	Welling United	16	7	4	5	26	22	+4	25
10	GATESHEAD	16	8	1	7	25	21	+4	25
11	FC Halifax Town	16	7	4	5	28	25	+3	25
12	Alfreton Town	16	8	1	7	26	27	-1	25
13	Lincoln City	16	6	4	6	17	16	+1	22
14	Wrexham	16	5	4	7	21	23	-2	19
15	Macclesfield Town	16	5	4	7	19	21	-2	19
16	Forest Green Rovers	16	5	3	8	29	29	0	18
17	Southport	16	5	3	8	16	22	-6	18
18	Dartford	16	5	3	8	18	27	-9	18
19	Hereford United	16	4	5	7	15	19	-3	17
20	Tamworth	16	4	4	8	16	25	-9	16
21	Woking	16	3	5	8	16	25	-9	14
22	Chester	16	3	4	9	11	24	-13	13
23	Aldershot Town (-10)	16	6	4	6	20	18	+2	12
24	Hyde	16	0	2	14	12	42	-30	2

\* Table at Monday 28th October.

## The Skroll North

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hednesford Town	11	8	2	1	26	12	+14	26
2	Altrincham	12	8	2	2	25	13	+12	26
3	Solihull Moors	12	7	5	0	23	11	+12	26
4	Boston United	13	7	4	2	27	18	+9	25
5	North Ferriby United	13	8	1	4	25	16	+9	25
6	Brackley Town	11	7	3	1	16	5	+11	24
7	AFC Telford United	11	6	3	2	17	10	+7	21
8	Histon	12	5	3	4	15	13	+2	18
9	Bradford Park Avenue	12	4	6	2	23	23	0	18
10	Stalybridge Celtic	13	5	2	6	17	22	-5	17
11	Vauxhall Motors	13	4	3	6	14	17	-3	15
12	Harrogate Town (-3)	12	5	2	5	20	14	+6	14
13	Stockport County	13	3	4	6	19	22	-3	13
14	Guiseley	12	3	3	6	12	23	-11	12
15	Leamington	12	3	2	7	10	14	-4	11
16	Colwyn Bay	11	2	5	4	12	19	-7	11
17	Barrow	12	2	4	6	12	18	-6	10
18	Gainsborough Trinity	11	3	1	7	13	20	-7	10
19	Gloucester City	13	2	4	7	14	27	-13	10
20	Worcester City	12	1	6	5	12	17	-5	9
21	Oxford City	11	1	5	5	12	18	-6	8
22	Workington	12	2	2	8	12	24	-12	8

## The Skroll South

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Eastleigh	12	8	2	2	16	8	+8	26
2	Bromley	12	8	1	3	25	11	+14	25
3	Bishop's Cleeve	11	7	2	2	24	17	+7	23
4	Sutton United	11	6	3	2	22	8	+14	21
5	Hayes & Yeading Utd	12	7	0	5	19	12	+7	21
6	Weston-super-Mare	12	6	2	4	16	14	+2	20
7	Dover Athletic	12	6	1	5	12	7	+5	19
8	Basingstoke Town	12	6	1	5	18	15	+3	19
9	Ebbsfleet United	13	4	6	3	22	15	+7	18
10	Eastbourne Borough	13	5	3	5	16	21	-5	18
11	Havant & Waterlooville	13	4	5	4	17	17	0	17
12	Farnborough	11	5	1	5	21	20	+1	16
13	Staines Town	11	5	1	5	15	18	-3	16
14	Bath City	11	3	4	4	15	15	0	13
15	Concord Rangers	11	3	4	4	13	17	-4	13
16	Chelmsford City	12	4	1	7	14	20	-6	13
17	Maidenhead United	11	3	3	5	14	18	-4	12
18	Tonbridge Angels	11	3	3	5	14	21	-7	12
19	Whitehawk	12	3	3	6	14	21	-7	12
20	Boreham Wood	11	2	3	6	9	18	-9	9
21	Gosport Borough	11	2	2	7	9	18	-9	8
22	Dorchester Town	11	2	1	8	10	24	-14	7

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## Next At The Int.

### Season So Far

Salisbury's return to the Conference after three years rebuilding has confounded all expectation thus far under the guidance of the youngest manager in the top flight, 28-year-old Mikey Harris.

Going into the FA Cup break the Whites find themselves sat 6th in the league, goal difference the only thing keeping them out of a play-off spot.

The very team that keeps them out, Grimsby, were defeated 1-0 in Wiltshire earlier in the season, and a win over then high-flying Nuneaton and a draw with play-off challengers Braintree shows Salisbury to be no pushovers.

The Whites are another team riding on impressive home form: they've only lost once at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium - on the opening day, and they have since gone on an unbeaten run of seven games on home soil.

The month of October has been lucrative for Salisbury, taking seven out of a possible 12 points, their only loss being an honourable defeat away to title favourites Cambridge.

But though the ship looks steady at Salisbury their for and against ratio may come to set them back should they be in contention at the end of the year. With 20 goals scored and 17 conceded their +3 goal difference makes them the third lowest in the top half and the second lowest in the top 10.

Salisbury are also through to the 1st round of the FA Cup where they have been given a home tie against non-league opposition following their 1-0 final qualifying round win at Bath City.

### Strengths and Weaknesses

Salisbury have carved their name into this year's Conference by being an all-round strong side, churning out results both at home and on the road.

Despite losing their opening three fixtures the Whites bounced back and went eight games unbeaten to lift them into contention for a play-off spot. A catalyst for this run is no doubt their wealth of scoring options: five players have managed more than one goal this year, with an additional three having found the back of the net too.

Salisbury's strong form has continued into October, where they lost only one game to a very tough opponent, and will no doubt ride into November with confidence high.

But for all of their goalscorers Salisbury lack an out-and-out number nine, with top scorer Dan Fitchett's haul of five one of the lowest for a top scorer in the league.

This problem is worsened by the fact that Salisbury are the lowest scorers in the top half, and this lack of bite will undoubtedly come to punish them in key fixtures should a solution not be found.

### Key Players

Salisbury's key man this year is Elliott Frear. Signed in the summer, the winger has featured in all of the games this season and has managed to find the net three times, and at just 23 years of age carries a wealth of potential.

Former Gateshead man Glenn Wilson is also key, having also featured in every game and commanded a back line that has conceded just 17 times.

Wilson failed to make any impact at Gateshead but, back in his native south, appears to have rekindled the form that saw him do well at Crawley Town

Also key to the Whites are top scorer Dan Fitchett and fellow attacker Theo Lewis, who have carved out eight goals between them, and journeyman midfielder Chris McPhee.

Alex Jackson



## THE WHITES Salisbury City FC



RAYMOND McENHILL STADIUM

### Leading Scorers 2013/14

DAN FITCHETT	.....	5
BEN WRIGHT	.....	4
ELLIOTT FREAR	.....	3
THEO LEWIS	.....	3
CHRIS MCPHEE	.....	2

### Away Record

Though their home form has been play-off-worthy Salisbury's away form has been markedly average.

Two wins and two draws from their eight games gives them eight points and sees them sit squarely in the middle of the table away from table in 12th position.

They have managed only seven goals on their travels compared to 13 at home, and conceded more than twice as many goals away from Wiltshire.

Salisbury haven't won a league game away since the 21st of September, where they triumphed 2-1 over a flagging Nuneaton Town.

### SALISBURY CITY AWAY RECORD 2013/14

P 8 W 2 D 2 L 4 F 7 A 12 PTS 8

Mikey Harris



Glenn Wilson







## Gateshead

White • Black • White

- 1 Adam **Bartlett (GK)**
- 2 Carl **Magnay**
- 3 Luke **O'Brien**
- 4 Jamie **Chandler**
- 5 James **Curtis**
- 6 Ben **Clark (C)**
- 7 Colin **Larkin**
- 8 Phil **Turnbull**
- 9 Liam **Hatch**
- 10 Richard **Brodie**
- 12 Adam **Boyes**
- 13 Alex **Baird (GK)**
- 14 James **Brown**
- 15 Joe **Tait**
- 16 Craig **Baxter**
- 17 Josh **Walker**
- 18 James **Marwood**
- 19 Dan **Smith**
- 21 Rob **Ramshaw**
- 22 Lewis **Sirrell**
- 25 Marcus **Maddison**
- 29 John **Oster**



Manager  
**Gary Mills**



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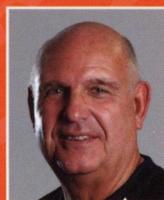
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## Luton Town

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- 1 Mark **Tyler (GK)**
- 4 Jonathan **Smith**
- 5 Steve **McNulty**
- 6 Anthony **Charles**
- 7 Alex **Lawless**
- 8 Solomon **Taiwo**
- 9 Jon **Shaw**
- 10 Alex **Wall**
- 11 Jake **Howells**
- 12 Scott **Griffiths**
- 13 Mark **Cullen**
- 14 Andy **Parry**
- 16 Elliot **Justham (GK)**
- 17 JJ **O'Donnell**
- 18 Dave **Martin**
- 21 Luke **Guttridge**
- 22 Shaun **Whalley**
- 25 Ronnie **Henry (C)**
- 26 Paul **Benson**
- 27 Andre **Gray**
- 28 Jim **Stevenson**
- 30 Alex **Lacey**



Manager  
**John Still**

## NEXT AT THE INTERNATIONAL STADIUM



Skrill Conference Premier  
**v Salisbury City**  
**Saturday 16th November**  
Kick-Off 3:00pm

Skrill Conference Premier  
**v Aldershot Town**  
**Saturday 7th December**  
Kick-Off 3:00pm

